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### **District Man Sentenced to Five Years in Prison For Attack on Vulnerable Victim - Defendant Beat Man With Wooden Bat, Breaking Both of the Victim's Legs -**

WASHINGTON - Anthony Stevenson, 18, of Silver Spring, Maryland, was sentenced today to five years in prison on a felony charge stemming from an attack in which he beat a vulnerable District of Columbia resident with a bat, U.S. Attorney Ronald C. Machen Jr. announced.

Stevenson, also known as Treavon Stevenson, pled guilty in May 2011 to a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon. He was sentenced by the Honorable Ann O'Regan Keary in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

When the defendant entered his plea, he admitted that the attack took place on March 10, 2011 at the victim's apartment in Northeast Washington. The trouble began after the victim, 56, asked Stevenson to leave the apartment, where the defendant had been periodically residing. At the time of the attack, the victim was receiving services because of a mental illness.

Stevenson became enraged and began to beat the victim with a stick and punch him in the head, ultimately rendering the victim unconscious and breaking both of his legs. Stevenson then remained in the victim's apartment for a number of hours after the attack, preventing the victim from reporting the assault. Eventually, Stevenson left the apartment – without summoning assistance for the wounded victim. The following day, the victim's social workers found him, still in his apartment, and unable to move as a result of his injuries.

At today's sentencing, Judge Keary characterized the defendant's actions as extremely violent, against an exceptionally vulnerable victim, and without provocation or justification.

In announcing the sentence, U.S. Attorney Machen commended the work of Metropolitan Police Department Detectives Steven Manley and Carla Tally. He also acknowledged the efforts

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of the staff of the U.S. Attorney's Office, including Paralegal Kalisha Johnson-Clark, as well as Assistant U.S. Attorney Maia L. Miller, who prosecuted the case.

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